

Accounts

The inaugural meeting of the Association held in January 2016, and the first AGM in April 2016, received generous donations. Subsequently residents have made further donations which have allowed us to fund the printing of ten newsletters and to maintain the website. Sharing of costs with Milton Road RA has helped to keep these under control. Abbreviated accounts for the first financial year are presented below:

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2016	Income & Expenditure	
Income	£	£
Donations	648.44	
Total Income		648.44
Expenditure		
Room & Refreshments	176.41	
Printing & Stationery	114.79	
Banners (contribution)	39.79	
Website	120.00	
Total Expenditure		(450.99)
Balance Carried Forward		197.45

The Association has no membership fee, and relies upon donations for income. The Association has opened a current account with Barclays Bank plc, with expenditure authorised by any two of the three officers on the committee. No overdraft facility is sought.

*Prepared by Richard Cushing, Treasurer
2nd March 2017*

4. Election of committee

Existing members en bloc
Jane Wheatley Mulberry Close
Hilary Goy Hurst Park Ave

prop.Vern Farewell sec. Daphne Lott
prop.Bron Hipkin sec. Catherine Lemon
prop.Ann Fiddes sec. Irene Page

HURST PARK ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

at the Good Shepherd Church Hall, Mansel Way, Arbury
7.00pm on Sun 30th April 2017

AGENDA

Introduction and Welcome

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of AGM of 24th Apr 2016 – matters arising
3. Chairman's report and accounts
4. Election of committee for 2017/18
5. Resolution: "This meeting endorses the decision of the committee that HPERA should become a founding member of the Milton Rd Alliance along with MiltonRd RA and CamCycle, and approves the campaign to get City Deal to adopt the 'Do-Optimum' alternative design for Milton Rd."
6. Forthcoming events
 - M. Road Local Liaison Forum 9th May
 - City Deal Joint Assembly ~~7th June~~ 19th July
 - City Deal Executive Board ~~15th June~~ 26th July
 - North Area Committee 22nd June
 - SpeedWatch
7. Any other business
8. Close of AGM
 - Local history project – Rachel Aucott & Jim Smith
 - Start of social evening

Introduction - your HPERA Committee

Michael Page (Chair), Mary Pountain (Secretary), Richard Cushing (Treasurer), Luke Tunmer, John Beasley and Andrew Milbourn

2. Minutes of AGM of 24th Apr 2016

also available at www.hpera.co.uk/documents/agm-2016-minutes.pdf

3. Chairman's Report

At our first AGM last April I was able to highlight the magnificent response from countless residents which had enabled us to put together our submission to City Deal in rebuttal of their plans for Milton Road. That document also put forward various alternative proposals for improving traffic management and the streetscape.

After much lobbying effort and questioning at numerous City Deal meetings the more extreme ideas of the 'Do-Maximum' plan were quietly dropped, but we were still confronted with the deeply unpopular 'Do-Something' option. Next came the formation of the City Deal Local Liaison Forum onto which I, and Charles Nesbit from Milton Rd Res Assn, reluctantly agreed to be co-opted. We were very concerned that our presence on the committee would imply endorsement of the very plans that we were opposing, but at our first meeting we used the opportunity to persuade the councillors on the LLF to agree certain resolutions. These called for an avenue of trees and verges to be maintained, elimination of any double bus-lanes, re-examination of the Highworth Avenue and Union Lane closures and a study for a re-designed roundabout instead of traffic lights. At about the same time the 4000+ Trees and Verges petition was presented by Charles at the County Council in full session.

Then there followed a series of LLF workshops which were really supposed to be about fine-tuning the 'Do-Something' design. During this period we met up with Matt Danish from CamCycle who had recently moved into Arbury Road, and we realised that his ideas were

very much in tune with our own. Thanks to his technical drawing skills and previous experience we arrived at a radical new plan for Milton Rd prioritising walking and cycling as well as public transport. We called this the 'Do-Optimum' alternative and we gave an unannounced Powerpoint presentation to one of the LLF workshops. This forced our alternative ideas on to the agenda and into the official workshop reports. We subsequently agreed with CamCycle and MRRA to refer to our collaboration as the Milton Road Alliance, which now has its own website.

Eventually a formal meeting of the Local Liaison Forum passed a further series of resolutions all based around adoption of the 'Do-Optimum' plan. We were expecting that the Executive Board would consider these at their March meeting, but that was postponed until June, and just two days ago we heard that it is being put back yet again until late July.

In the meantime we have been keeping up the pressure by asking local election candidates a series of questions on this and similar issues. Their responses can be found on the HPERA website. These were also used as the basis for questions at our joint hustings event which took place last Thursday evening.

Your committee continues to monitor other matters of local interest and through our Newsletters we try to keep residents up-to-date and better informed. Seven Newsletters were distributed to all households during the year and I would like to thank our dedicated team of helpers who make this possible.

One of the subjects we have highlighted is that of commuter parking in our streets and I hope that our newsletters have helped to clarify some of the issues involved. I suspect that this could be the hot topic of the year to come. In the meantime we can celebrate one small victory – the Yellow Lines have arrived!

In closing I want to thank the committee for their hard work during a challenging year and to acknowledge the support we have received from across the City via the Federation of Cambridge Residents Associations (FeCRA).